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प्राधिकृत प्रकाशन

महाराष्ट्र विधानमंडळाचे अधिनियम व राज्यपालांनी प्रख्यापित केलेले अध्यादेश व केलेले विनियम आणि विधी व न्याय विभागाकडून आलेली विधेयके (इंग्रजी अनुवाद).

In pursuance of clause (3) of article 348 of the Constitution of India, the following translation in English of the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 (Mah. Ord. IV of 2014), is hereby published under the authority of the Governor.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

H. B. PATEL,
Principal Secretary to Government,
Law and Judiciary Department.

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REVENUE AND FORESTS DEPARTMENT

World Trade Centre, Centre-I, Cuffe Parade,
Mumbai 400 005, dated the 10th February 2014.

MAHARASHTRA ORDINANCE No. IV OF 2014.

AN ORDINANCE

further to amend the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act.

WHEREAS both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session;

AND WHEREAS the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate

I of action further to amend the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act, for the
1923. purposes hereinafter appearing ;

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NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of article 213 of the Constitution of India, the Governor of Maharashtra is hereby pleased to promulgate the following Ordinance, namely:—

Short title and commencement. **1.** (1) This Ordinance may be called the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

Amendment of section 2 of I of 1923. **2.** In section 2 of the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act I of 1923. (hereinafter referred to as “the principal Act”),—

(i) after clause (a-a1), the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(a-a2) “cable operator” means any person or a company registered as a cable operator and has also been registered as a Multi-System Operator for a notified area as per the provisions of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and re-transmits digital television signal installed for exhibition of films or moving pictures or series of pictures to subscriber’s television sets at the residential or non-residential places ; 7 of 1995.

(a-a3) “local cable operator ” means any person or a company who accepts digital television signal from Multi-System Operator and re-transmits at the residential or non-residential places on payment by a subscriber ;”;

(ii) after clause (a-a), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

“(a-ab) “Multi-System Operator ” means a cable operator who receives a programming service from a broadcaster or its authorised agencies and re-transmits the same or transmits his own programming service, for simultaneous reception either by multiple subscribers directly or through one or more local cable operators and includes his authorised distribution agencies, by whatever name called;”;

(iii) sub-clause (v) of clause (c) shall be deleted.

Amendment of section 3 of I of 1923. **3.** In section 3 of the principal Act, the existing sub-section (4) shall be re-numbered as clause (a) thereof; and after clause (a) as so re-numbered, the following clauses shall be inserted, namely:—

“(b) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-section (2) or in any other provisions of this Act, there shall be levied, and paid by the Multi-System Operator to the State Government, the entertainments duty at the rate specified in the table below, per television set which receives radio frequency signals for exhibition of films or moving pictures or series of pictures with the aid of any type of antenna or any other apparatus for securing transmission through cable network or cable television attached to it or through Internet Protocol Television.

(c) The local cable operator shall recover the entertainments duty from the connection holders and shall handover the same to the Multi-System Operator, within a time, where the Multi-System Operator is registered, or pay directly to the State Government where the Multi-System Operator is not registered, however, the entertainments duty shall

be levied on the television sets which receives the radio frequency signals through pre-activated and activated set top box at the rate specified in the table below.

(d) For securing levy, recovery and payment of the entertainments duty payable under clauses (b) and (c), the Multi-System Operator or cable operator shall furnish to the Collector of District, such security deposit and such information, as may be prescribed.”.

4. In section 5 of the principal Act, for the words “be liable in respect of each offence to a fine of not less than rupees five hundred and not more than one thousand” the words “a fine not less than rupees twenty-five thousand for each offence or five times of the revenue loss, whichever is higher” shall be substituted.

Amendment
of section 5
of I of 1923.

5. In section 7 of the principal Act, after clause (c), the following clause shall be inserted, namely :—

Amendment
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“(ca) for prescribing the amount and manner of furnishing a security deposit and also the form in which the information is to be furnished to the Collector under clause (d) of sub-section (4) of section 3;”.

6. (1) If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act, as amended by this Ordinance, the State Government may, as occasion arises, by an order published in the *Official Gazette*, give such directions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purposes of removing the difficulty.

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(2) Every order made under sub-section (1) shall be laid, as soon as may be, after it is made, before each House of the State Legislature.

STATEMENT

The Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act (I of 1923), provides for the levy and collection of entertainments duty on different types and forms of entertainments including cable television. Section 3 of the said Act *inter alia* provides for rates of entertainment duty payable on cable television in the State.

2. The Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995 (7 of 1995) regulates the operation of cable television networks in the country. The television transmission is being made mandatory through digital addressable system *via* set top box in different areas of the country in phased manner. Accordingly, in the State of Maharashtra, the cable digitalization *via* set top box has been made mandatory in three phases, *i.e.* by 31st October 2012 for Mumbai and Mumbai Suburban district, by 31st March 2013 for the cities having population more than ten lakh and by 31st December 2014 in remaining area of the State.

3. As, after digitalization *via* set top box, the role of Multi-System Operators and Cable Operators being vital, the Government of Maharashtra, considers it expedient to bring the Multi-System Operators and Cable Operators within the purview of the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act to hold them responsible for levy, recovery and payment of entertainments duty to the Government. For that purpose it is proposed to amend sections 2, 3 and 7 of the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act. With a view to secure better compliance, it is proposed to enhance the quantum of fine, from existing not less than rupees five hundred and not more than rupees one thousand to rupees twenty-five thousand or five times of revenue loss, whichever is higher, by amending section 5 of the said Act.

4. As both Houses of the State Legislature are not in session and the Governor of Maharashtra is satisfied that circumstances exist which render it necessary for him to take immediate action further to amend the Maharashtra Entertainments Duty Act (I of 1923), for the purposes aforesaid, this Ordinance is promulgated.

Mumbai,
Dated the 9th February 2014.

K. SANKARANARAYANAN,
Governor of Maharashtra.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

S. S. KSHATRIYA,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.